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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CASE NO. 5:19-cv-06226-EJD

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN  
SUPPORT OF NEO4J INC.'S MOTION TO  
STRIKE SECOND AMENDED ANSWER**

Date: August 13, 2020  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Dept.: Courtroom 4, 5th Floor  
Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila

1                   **TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

2                   Plaintiffs Neo4j, Inc. (“Neo4j USA”) hereby submits this Request for Judicial Notice in  
 3 Support of its Motion to Strike Defendant’s Second Amended Answer. The documents are  
 4 attached as Exhibits 5 to 10 to the Declaration of Cary Chien in support of Neo4j USA’s Motion  
 5 to Strike.

6                   Evidence Code section 452(d) provides that judicial notice may be taken of “[r]ecords of  
 7 (1) any court of this state or (2) any court of record of the United States or of any state of the  
 8 United States.” Evidence Code section 453 provides that “[t]he trial court shall take judicial  
 9 notice of any matter specified in Section 452 if a party requests it and: (a) [g]ives each adverse  
 10 party sufficient notice of the request, through the pleadings or otherwise, to enable such adverse  
 11 party to prepare to meet the request; and (b) [f]urnishes the court with sufficient information to  
 12 enable it to take judicial notice of the matter.”

13                  Given the centrality of each exhibit to the allegations in Defendant’s Second Amended  
 14 Answer, as well as the pleadings of Related Defendants in the Related Case *Neo4j, Inc. et al. v.*  
 15 *PureThink LLC et al*, Case No. 5:18-cv-07182-EJD, and given that each exhibit’s authenticity is  
 16 not subject to reasonable dispute, judicial notice is proper under applicable law. Thus, each may  
 17 be properly considered as part of plaintiff’s Motion to Strike, without converting that motion into  
 18 one for summary judgment. *Lee v. City of Los Angeles*, 250 F.3d 668, 688 (9th Cir. 2001) (“[a]  
 19 court may consider “material which is properly submitted as part of the complaint” on a motion to  
 20 dismiss without converting the motion to dismiss into a motion for summary judgment”).  
 21 Consideration of these exhibits fits squarely within the Ninth Circuit’s precedent for judicial  
 22 notice, and it is consistent with the consideration given by many other courts to similar  
 23 documents when evaluating such a motion.

24                  Neo4j USA respectfully submits this Request for Judicial Notice for the following  
 25 documents:

26                  1.         Related Defendants’ First Amended Answer to Plaintiffs’ Second Amended  
 27 Answer in the Related Case, *Neo4j, Inc. et al. v. PureThink LLC et al*, Case No. 5:18-cv-07182-

1 EJD, Dkt. No. 71, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 5** to the Declaration of  
 2 Cary Chien in Support of Neo4j's Motion to Strike ("the Chien Declaration"). Courts regularly  
 3 take judicial notice of "undisputed matters of public record, including documents on file in  
 4 federal or state courts." *Harris v. Cty. of Orange*, 682 F.3d 1126, 1131-32 (9th Cir. 2012)  
 5 (internal citations omitted); *Lee v. City of Los Angeles*, 250 F.3d 668, 688-89 (9th Cir. 2001).  
 6 Exhibit 5 is a court record from the Related Case.

7       2. Related Defendants' Second Amended Counterclaim in the Related Case, *Neo4j, Inc. et al. v. PureThink LLC et al*, Case No. 5:18-cv-07182-EJD, Dkt. No. 71, a true and correct  
 8 copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 6** to the Chien Declaration. Courts regularly take judicial  
 9 notice of "undisputed matters of public record, including documents on file in federal or state  
 10 courts." *Harris v. Cty. of Orange*, 682 F.3d 1126, 1131-32 (9th Cir. 2012) (internal citations  
 11 omitted); *Lee v. City of Los Angeles*, 250 F.3d 668, 688-89 (9th Cir. 2001). Exhibit 6 is a court  
 12 record from the Related Case.

14       3. Library of Congress Copyright Registration publicly available record showing  
 15 Neo4j Sweden's copyright registration of its computer file, Neo4j Enterprise Edition version  
 16 3.5.4., (registration number and date: TX0008779173 / 2019-08-15) and Neo4j Enterprise Edition  
 17 version 4.0 (registration number and date: TXU002177737 / 2020-01-28), downloaded from the  
 18 Library of Congress Public Catalog website<sup>1</sup>. True and correct copies of these records are  
 19 attached as **Exhibit 7** to the Chien Declaration and produced in the Related Case as  
 20 NSW\_000568-NSW\_000569 and NSW\_000570-NSW\_000571. Copyright records are the type  
 21 of documents that the court may judicially notice under Evidence Code section 201(b) (2). See,  
 22 e.g., *Oroamerica Inc. v. D & W Jewelry Co., Inc.*, 2001 WL 537780, \* 1, n. 4 (9th Cir. May 14,  
 23 2001) (Unpub.Disp.) (granting a request that the court take judicial notice of a supplemental  
 24 copyright registration certificate); *Vigil v. Walt Disney Co.*, 1995 WL 621832, \* 1-2 (N.D.Cal.  
 25 Oct.16, 1995) (taking judicial notice of copyright registration certificates). Exhibit 7 is a  
 26 copyright registration record.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cocatalog.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

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1       4.     GNU General Public License version 3 (GPL) and GNU Affero General Public  
 2 License version 3 (AGPL) both published by Free Software Foundation from the GNU website  
 3 (URL: <http://www.gnu.org>), true and correct copies of which are attached as **Exhibit 8** to the  
 4 Chien Decl. Both documents are repeatedly referenced and relied upon by Defendant in their  
 5 Second Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, and in particular forms the basis of their  
 6 abandonment and unclean hands affirmative defenses, and contains facts which are not subject to  
 7 reasonable dispute and capable of accurate and ready determination. *See* Dkt. No. 52 at 5:14-6:14,  
 8 6:22-9:21. Even if a document is not attached to a pleading, it may be incorporated by reference  
 9 into a pleading if it refers extensively to the document or the document forms the basis of an  
 10 underlying claim or defense. *See Van Buskirk v. CNN*, 284 F.3d 977, 980 (9th Cir. 2002)  
 11 (recognizing that a court may rely upon "the doctrine of 'incorporation by reference' to consider  
 12 documents that were referenced extensively). The Court previously granted judicial notice of  
 13 Exhibit 8 in the Related Case. Dkt. No. 70 at 7:10-27.

14       5.     Neo4j's Trademark Policy dated October 13, 2015 from the WayBack Machine, a  
 15 true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 9** to the Chien Declaration. Neo4j's  
 16 Trademark Policy was the operative trademark guideline in effect during the term of the Partner  
 17 Agreement and to which Defendants' and third parties who downloaded, modified, and  
 18 distributed Neo4j's software had to abide by. Section 4.1 of the Partner Agreement incorporated  
 19 Neo4j's "then-current trademark usage guidelines" by references as part of this Partner  
 20 Agreement. This license remained in place until Neo4j USA terminated the Partner Agreement  
 21 and the Neo4j Government Edition in July 2017. The Partner Agreement is attached as Exhibit 2  
 22 to Plaintiff's Complaint and incorporated therein by reference. *See Parrino v. FHP, Inc.*, 146  
 23 F.3d 699, 703 (9th Cir. 1998), as amended (July 28, 1998) (a motion to dismiss may consider a  
 24 document whose contents are alleged in the complaint and whose authenticity is undisputed but  
 25 which is not physically attached to complaint); *see also Van Buskirk v. CNN*, 284 F.3d 977, 980  
 26 (9th Cir. 2002); *Branch v. Tunnell*, 14 F.3d 449, 453–54 (9th Cir. 1994), *overruled on other*  
 27 *grounds by Galbraith v. County of Santa Clara*, 307 F.3d 1119 (9th Cir. 2002) (holding even if a  
 28 document is not attached to a complaint, it may be incorporated by reference into a complaint if

1 the plaintiff refers extensively to the document or the document forms the basis of the plaintiff's  
 2 claim). This webpage, downloaded from the WayBack Machine, contains facts which are not  
 3 subject to reasonable dispute and capable of accurate and ready determination. *See Erickson v.*  
 4 *Nebraska Mach. Co.*, 2015 WL 4089849, at \*1 (N.D. Cal. July 6, 2015) ("[c]ourts have taken  
 5 judicial notice of the contents of web pages available through the Wayback Machine as facts that  
 6 can be accurately and readily determined from sources whose accuracy cannot reasonably be  
 7 questioned"); *see also U.S. ex. Rel. v. Newport Sensors, Inc.*, 2016 WL 8929246, at \*3 (C.D. Cal.  
 8 May 19, 2016) (recognizing that "district courts in this circuit have routinely taken judicial notice  
 9 of content from the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine pursuant to this rule, as we do here."  
 10 (citations omitted)). As such, the Court may take judicial notice of such filing.

11       6. Neo4j's Trademark Guidelines dated April 3, 2019, a true and correct copy of  
 12 which is attached as **Exhibit 10** to the Chien Declaration. This Trademark Policy is an update to  
 13 Exhibit 9 of this Request for Judicial Notice and is also an exhibit to Plaintiff's Complaint (Dkt.  
 14 No. 1, ¶ 17). Third parties who download, modify, and distribute Neo4j's software currently have  
 15 to abide by its terms. Defendant's Second Amended Answer refers extensively to third-party  
 16 downloads of Neo4j's and asserts "many of these third party modified versions of Neo4j freely  
 17 use Neo4J trademarks" and "Neo4J Sweden and Neo4J USA did not have express contractual  
 18 terms or actually exercise any or adequate controls over the quality of the modified Neo4J  
 19 software...." Dkt. No. 52 at 8:6-11. *Parrino v. FHP, Inc.*, 146 F.3d 699, 703 (9th Cir. 1998), as  
 20 amended (July 28, 1998) (a motion to dismiss may consider a document whose contents are  
 21 alleged in the complaint and whose authenticity is undisputed but which is not physically attached  
 22 to complaint); *see Van Buskirk v. CNN*, 284 F.3d 977, 980 (9th Cir. 2002); *Branch v. Tunnell*, 14  
 23 F.3d 449, 453–54 (9th Cir. 1994), overruled on other grounds by *Galbraith v. County of Santa*  
 24 *Clara*, 307 F.3d 1119 (9th Cir. 2002) (holding even if a document is not attached to a complaint,  
 25 it may be incorporated by reference into a complaint if the plaintiff refers extensively to the  
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1 document or the document forms the basis of the plaintiff's claim). As such, the Court may take  
2 judicial notice of Exhibit 10.

3 Dated: June 26, 2020

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